



The Children's NEWS



4th March 2024

We hope you had a good half term break. We have enjoyed sharing some of your half term adventures in Show and Tell sessions. There is still time to share these with us if you haven't yet had an opportunity.

Last week, we enjoyed learning all about making healthy choices. We tried lots of different healthy snacks and talked about which ones we like best. The watermelon was very popular and lots of children enjoyed dipping cucumber, carrot and breadsticks in hummus (a couple of children even licked the plate clean!). We sorted foods in to healthy and 'treat' food groups that we should only eat now and again. This generated lots of good discussion.

We talked about why it is important to look after our teeth and when and how to brush them. The children enjoyed bringing their toothbrushes in and brushing their teeth at school. We also talked about the importance of sleep and chatted about bedtime routines – we will continue this theme this week when we wear pyjamas and celebrate bedtime stories for World Book Day (today Acorn A and Thursday Acorn B).

The children really enjoyed being doctors, nurses and dentists in our role play area. It was lovely to see them taking such good care of each other; asking questions to diagnose them and then carefully and kindly bandaging their friend up or giving them some medicine. Some children enjoyed 'writing' their doctor's notes on paper on clipboards and proudly shared their work with us.



Early Maths Over the last two weeks we have been revisiting and consolidating our subitising skills, playing lots of games to help the children to be confident to quickly recognise 1, 2 or 3 objects. The children are getting very good at this. We have also been practising counting out objects up to 5 and talking about the fact that the last number you say is the total number of objects. We have also been matching the correct numeral to that amount to practise numeral recognition. We have also been saying who has more objects and who has fewer. **There are many opportunities around and about us in our daily lives where these skills can be practised. Please do share on Tapestry if your child is able to subitise a small number of objects, count out a small set or recognises a numeral.**

Phonics This week we have been thinking about oral blending and segmenting. For example: c-a-t makes cat, d-u-ck makes duck. This requires the children to listen very carefully and hear the individual sounds and be able to turn them in to a word. It can be a tricky concept and one that we will rehearse lots through fun games and activities.

Things to do at home/ Tapestry Focus:

Mark Making

There are many ways your child can mark make at home and out and about.

There is the usual pens, pencils, crayons etc however it doesn't stop there.

Using a baking tray and putting a light covering of sand, salt, sequins, rice and using either fingers, pencils, wooden spoon handles to push and make a mark.

Rolling out playdough and using a finger or pencil to push through it.

Making marks in the condensation on a wall, window or mirror. Filling ziplock type bag with a cornflour (or custard powder) and water mix. Shaving foam or gel on tray.



Show and Tell:

4th March – Something I have made/ drawn/ painted/ baked.

11th March/ 18th March - – My Favourite Superhero – Tell us about your favourite superhero. What powers do they have? What do they do to help others? It could be a fictional superhero or a real life superhero.

Tapestry

Observation focus of the fortnight:

Does your child notice and ask questions about differences, such as skin colour, types of hair, gender, special needs, disabilities and religion? Please do share examples of this on Tapestry.

Diary Dates:

Parent Consultation Evenings and Spring Reports out - Tuesday 5th March

World Book Day dress up day - Acorn A Monday 4th March, Acorn B Thursday 7th March

Mother's Day Breakfasts (more info to follow) – WC 4th March

Acorn Stay and Play and Easter Egg hunt - Acorn A Tuesday 26th March 2.20pm – 3.20pm, Acorn B Thursday 28th March 2.20pm- 3.20pm

Come and explore our setting with your child. We will have lots of our favourite activities out and a craft activity too. We will end the afternoon with an Easter Egg hunt. More information to follow.

End of Term - Thursday 28th March